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M. S. ABDUL MAJID SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know whether the Hon. the Leader of the House has read the news published in *Forum* in connexion with this appointment, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I don't read *Forum*, Sir."

M. S. ABDUL MAJID SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know, what are the papers which the Hon. Ministers read? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I think it is not in the public interests to reveal the names of the papers." (Laughter.)

MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB :—" May I know, Sir, whether he made any reference to the report appearing in *Forum* reproduced in the *Madras Mail?* "

RAJA SIR MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR OF CHETTINAD :—" On a point of order, Sir. I submit to you that this House is not entitled to debate on the question of the appointment of the Governor of Madras."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are not debating the question. The hon. Members are putting supplementary questions only to elicit information."

RAJA SIR MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR OF CHETTINAD :—" I submit, Sir, that the last question which has not luckily been answered, is not a question on information. It is something that questions the appointment itself in an involved manner."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question was whether the Hon. Premier was consulted or not. The Government can reply ' yes ' or ' no '."

MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB :—" Sir, I appreciate the anxiety of the Kumararaja of Chettinad, now Maharaja of Chettinad, to safeguard the position of Governors as is usual with him. My point is that the report which appeared in *Forum* was reproduced in *Madras Mail*, and may I take it that the Leader of the House did not go through that report? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is not possible for the Hon. Ministers, to read all the papers."

Scales of pay of Hindi Pandits.

* 365 *Q.*—SRI A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the scale of pay to Hindi Pandits has been revised; and

(*b*) if not, when the revised scale will be introduced?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Education) :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) The matter is under consideration."

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SRI A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI :—" May I know, Sir, the difference between the salaries of the Hindustani Pandits and those of the Pandits in other languages? What is the reason for this difference? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, I cannot give off-hand the difference in scales of pay of the Pandits in service. The question put here is whether there is any proposal to revise the scale. I say, the matter is under consideration."

SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA :—" What are the reasons which have prompted Governmnet not to place the Hindi Pandits on the same scale as any other teacher employed in any other school of the same category? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is just to avoid this anamoly that we are considering the question, Sir."

SRI B. S. MURTHI :—" Sir, now that Hindustani has become the *lingua franca* of India, or rather the *lingua indica*, may I know, whether the Hindi Pandits will be placed on the same footing, and on a par with the Lecturers in English in Colleges, and given better treatment than is being meted out to them at present? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I don't think that they will be placed on a par with the Lecturers in English, but the question of revising their pay is already engaging the attention of the Government."

SRI D. V. RAMASWAMI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government received among other representations, one requesting that the salary of the Hindi Pandits may be approximated to that of the L.T. cadre? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI :—" Is it possible, Sir, to revise the scales of pay of the Hindi Pandits? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The proposals have already been received from the Director of Public Instruction; and they are being examined by Government."

N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Does the Hon. Minister know that the scale of pay provided for Hindi Pandits is far lower than the scale of pay provided for them in different provinces in India, and will he try to see that when the revision takes place, it is in conformity with the scale of pay prevalent in the North? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" We have no idea of the comparison of the scale of pay of Hindi Pandits or other teachers in this Province, and that in other Provinces, but we know that it is low in this Province, and the question of revising it is under consideration."

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SRI L. N. GOPALASWAMI:—" Will the Government give an assurance that their status will be raised to that of the Tamil or Telugu Pandits in the Province? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—" No such assurance can be given. The matter is under consideration."

Scales of pay of Gazetted Police officers.

[* 366 *Q*.—

MR. SPEAKER:—" Hon. Member is not in his place. The answer will be printed in the proceedings."]

P. K. MOIDEEN KUTTY SAHIB BAHADUR: " Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representations from any gazetted police officers with regard to their scales of pay?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—" No."

Alleged statement of Hon. the Premier at Hospet.

[* 367 *Q*.—

MR. SPEAKER:—" Hon. Member is not in his place. The answer will be printed in the proceedings."]

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state whether it is a fact that at Hospet he gave an undertaking that an independent committee of educationists would be constituted to go into the question of educational reorganization?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" The answer is in the negative."

MR. SPEAKER:—" Questions are over."

[*Note*.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

III.—ECONOMIC CRISIS IN THE PROVINCE.

RAJA SIR MUTHIAH CHETTIYAR OF CHETTINAD:—" Sir, may I, with your indulgence ask the Hon. the Leader of the House, that in view of the enormous amount of news—that has been put into the press last evening and this morning about the various kinds of advice that has been given to the Madras Government on matters of great and urgent public importance, such as the food question, the zamindari Bill, and Prohibition—to take the House into confidence and enlighten this House, as to the nature of advice given by the Central Government on these vital matters, and the reactions of the Madras Government, apart from the reports that may have been published in the Press, and in what way they are going to implement them, and when they are going to bring the matter before the House for discussion. I have also given notice of an adjournment motion to you this morning, requesting that this House shall stand adjourned to discuss matters of urgent public importance, namely, the present economic crisis, that is threatening the Province, and which has also been recently